

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 254092

15

ORIGIN AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 IO-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-05

SAM-01 /085 R

DRAFTED BY AF/W:WGRAMSAY:IW

APPROVED BY AF:EWMULCAHY

AF/W:TWMSMITH

----- 004455

O R 242326Z OCT 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY RABAT

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 254092

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, MO, MR, SS, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: CALL BY MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR

1. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR OULD ABDALLAH AT HIS REQUEST CALLED ON DEP ASST SECY MULCAHY (AF) OCTOBER 23 TO REVIEW SITUATION IN SPANISH SAHARA.

2. OULD ABDALLAH PREFACED HIS REMARKS WITH OBSERVATION THAT US POSITION WITH RESPECT SPANISH SAHARA IS DIFFICULT, IN THAT US IS CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS, MOROCCO AND SPAIN. HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD SHARE HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE WITH US. HE SQID GIRM BELIEVES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 254092

SITUATION IN SPANISH SAHARA IS VERY DANGEROUS AND COULDBE

BECOME "CATASTROPHIC." GIRM IS CONVINCED HASSAN WILL CARRY OUT THREAT TO MARCH ON EL AAIUM, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, HE CANNOT NOW WITHDRAW. GIRM DOES NOT INTEND ORGANIZE MARCH ON SAHARA. LOGISTICS OF MARCH INVOLVING EVEN A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE WOULD BE BEYOND ITS CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, AFTER CURRENT CAMPAIGN OF "EXPLANATION" GIRM EXPECTS MAURITANIANS TO MARCH AS INDIVIDUALS AND WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SIGNIFICANT NUMBER DO SO. OULD ABDALLAH SAID HE EXPECTED MAURITANIAN MARCHERS TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN SAHARA BECAUSE OF MANY TRIBAL AND FAMILY TIES AMONG PEOPLES OF BOTH SIDES OF FRONTIERS.

3. MULCAHY SAID WHILE US DOES FOLLOW SAHARAN DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, WE WISH TO MAINTAIN OUR NEUTRALITY. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PROBLEM BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY.

4. OULD ABDALLAH SAID HE RECOGNIZED USG DESIRE REMAIN NEUTRAL AND ONLY WISHED INVITE OUR ATTENTION TO PRESENT SITUATION, WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT VIEWS AS VERY GRAVE, AND TO NOTE THAT MAURITANIAN MARCH IS VERY PROBABLE, PARTICULARLY IF MOROCCANS DO SO. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETINGS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, NEUTRALISM
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE254092
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: WGRAMSAY:IW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750371-0312
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751022/aaaaatwu.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 JUN 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <29 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SPANISH SAHARA: CALL BY MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR
TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, MO, MR, SS, SP, (ABDALLAH, OULD)
To: NOUAKCHOTT
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006